

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2280

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5 By: Representatives Cleveland, Agee  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. (a) When the Department of Human Services takes custody of  
28 a minor solely because of the actions of someone other than the custodial  
29 parent or custodial parents, the department shall immediately exercise all  
30 efforts to identify and locate the custodial parent or custodial parents of  
31 the minor.

32 (b) When the custodial parent is identified and located, and if that  
33 parent is a custodial parent, the department shall immediately notify the  
34 parent as to the location of the minor and of the parent's right to obtain  
35 possession of the minor at that location.

36 (c) The Department of Human Services shall not withhold custody or

1 possession of any child from the child's custodial parent or parents unless a  
2 petition for dependency-neglect is filed naming the custodial parent or  
3 parents as a party.

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